

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Tuesday, March, 28 2006

3:30 p.m.

Room 327 House Office Building

Representative Garfield, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun, Spade and Polidori.

Representative Polidori moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2006 meeting.

Representative Mortimer supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5887, HB 5888 and HR 226 before the committee.

HB 5887 Emmons	Crimes; disorderly conduct; penalties for disorderly conduct at funerals; increase.
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HB 5888 Gleason	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for disorderly conduct at funerals; enact.
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HR 226 David Law	A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to enact legislation restricting protests at funerals.
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Representatives Emmons, Jones and Gleason testified in support of the bills.

Representative David Law testified in support of HR 226.

Cathie Draheim, representing herself, testified in support of the bills.*

Lori Sather, representing herself, testified in support of the bills.

Melissa Dennis, representing herself, testified in support of the bills.

Mike Kilpela, representing himself, testified in support of the bills.*

Larry Esler, representing the Michigan Patriot Guard Riders, testified in support of the bills.*

Ralph Rossell, representing Rossell Funeral Home, testified in support of the bills.

John Howe, representing the Flushing American Legion, testified in support of the bills.

Robert Weiss and Daniel Crocker, representing the Michigan Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars, testified in support of the bills.

Lino Pretto, representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart, testified in support of the bills.

Douglas Williams and Jim Tvoht, representing the Marine Corps. League, testified in support of the bills.

Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, testified and stated a neutral position to the bills.

The following people submitted cards in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Sgt. Matt Bolger, representing the Michigan State Police,
Diane Huhn, representing herself,
Patrick Lafferty and Michael Williams, representing America Legion,

Representative Mortimer moved to report HB 5887 with recommendation.

Representative Espinoza supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun,
Spade and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5887 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Moore moved to report HB 5888 with recommendation.

Representative Sheltroun supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun,
Spade and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5888 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Rocca moved to report HR 226 with recommendation.

Representative Polidori supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun, Spade and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HR 226 reported out with recommendation.

The committee went at ease at 4:50 p.m.

The committee reconvened at 4:55 p.m.

The Chair laid HB 5300 through HB 5310 before the committee.

HB 5300 Gosselin	Housing; housing development authority; requirement for a valid social security number for state-backed loan eligibility; provide for.
HB 5301 Vander Veen	Higher education; financial aid; Michigan nursing scholarship act; clarify citizenship requirement.
HB 5302 Hoogendyk	Higher education; financial aid; part-time independent student grant program; clarify citizenship requirement.
HB 5303 Pastor	Higher education; financial aid; state competitive scholarships; add citizenship requirement.
HB 5304 Gosselin	Higher education; financial aid; work-study program; clarify citizenship requirement.
HB 5305 Marleau	Higher education; financial aid; MWS work-study program; clarify citizenship requirement.
HB 5306 LaJoy	Higher education; financial aid; Michigan educational opportunity grant program; clarify citizenship requirement.
HB 5307 Stahl	Higher education; financial aid; tuition grants for students by independent colleges; add citizenship requirement.
HB 5308 Stahl	Higher education; financial aid; tuition differential grants; add

citizenship requirement.

HB 5309 Green Higher education; financial aid; legislative merit award scholarships; add citizenship requirement.

HB 5310 Baxter Higher education; financial aid; merit award scholarships; add citizenship requirement.

Representative Gosselin testified in support of the bill package.

Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, testified in opposition to the bill package.

Representative Tobocman testified in opposition to the bill package.

Kirsten Enstice, representing the Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo, testified in opposition to the bill package.

Daniel Inquilla, representing Farmworkers Legal Services, testified in opposition to the bill package.

Vincent Delgado, representing the Refugee Development Center, testified and stated a neutral position to the bill package.

The committee took no further action on the bill package.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 5:40 p.m.

Representative John Garfield, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
March 28, 2006
2 hours 5 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates printed materials attached to original minutes.